

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 7-15 and 22 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 16, 17 and 21 are rejected. Claims 6 and 18-20 are objected to.

The Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-15 and 22 are allowed. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 6 and 18-20 contain allowable subject matter. As requested by the Examiner, the Applicants have rewritten claims 6 and 18-20 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the other rejections and in the interest furthering prosecution on the merits, claims 1-5, 16, 17 and 21 are hereby cancelled with this amendment in light of the allowance of the remaining pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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